



Literacy for Life Campaign—LAUNCHED!

Donors, board and capital campaign committee members, tutors and staff joined Literacy for Life campaign co-chairs Carl Haynes, president of TC3, and Tom Weiler, TLP board president, on August 29th to kick off the public phase of Tompkins Learning Partners' first-ever capital campaign.

The crowd that gathered on the lawn outside TLP's recently donated building applauded when Haynes announced that the campaign had already raised \$564,000 during its "quiet phase" toward the \$660,000 campaign goal. Haynes expressed his deep gratitude for the tremendous generosity of early and lead donors to the campaign.

Weiler provided an overview of the project and TLP's history and shared designs for the building renovations and a planned reading garden. He noted that a successful campaign will double the number of tutoring rooms

and create a library and computer resource room to help meet the growing demand for TLP's literacy intensive, one-on-one tutoring services.

Guests enjoyed refreshments under a tent donated by Tompkins Trust Company and sipped wine contributed by Sheldrake Point Winery at the event organized by TLP capital campaign committee member Marian Van Loan.

At the conclusion of the kickoff Haynes, Weiler and TLP Executive Director David Smith hoisted building tools in the air to officially mark the launch of the public phase of the campaign, which the agency hopes to conclude within the next six months.

To learn more about our campaign or make a gift or pledge contact David Smith at Tompkins Learning Partners' office at 607-277-6442 or go to TLPpartners.org.

(from left, David Smith, TLP Executive Director, Carl Haynes and Tom Weiler, Co-chairs of the Literacy for Life Campaign)



Let the Improvements Begin!

Thanks to the early success of the Literacy for Life Capital Campaign, TLP has already begun to make some critically needed structural and other planned improvements to our recently donated building at 124 West Buffalo Street.

Among the most pressing and cost-saving initiatives is upgrading the entire heating system. A new 90%+ efficient water boiler will replace the century-old coal furnace, later converted to natural gas, with a modern, energy efficient steam boiler. This change will cut down on future utility costs and more adequately heat our first floor and our new upstairs space.

Because the heating system will no longer be vented through the deteriorating chimneys, they can soon be safely removed to make way for re-roofing and repainting the exterior of the building. Once these major

changes are completed, TLP will begin work on landscaping and the creation of a reading garden.

Interior changes in the offing include new carpeting and flooring, new office furniture, and a fresh coat of paint using a coordinated color palette for all the rooms on the first and second floors.

TLP hopes to complete work by the middle of next summer. We look forward to welcoming all of our clients, volunteers, tutors, and donors to our completely refurbished and expanded home, where even more lives will be quietly transformed.

A HUGE Thank-you to All of Our Literacy for Life Campaign Donors...

as of October 14, we have raised \$582,511 toward our \$660,000 goal!

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Welcoming Our Newest Members

Our board of directors has recently added three new members. We are pleased to announce that Deb Gagnon, Associate Professor of Psychology at Wells College; Kim Winter, an Operations Officer at Tompkins Trust Company; and Lisa Harris, Director of Academic Intervention for the Ithaca City School District, have joined us. All were elected for a three-year term ending in September 2014.

Exemplar Award Presented



Carl E. Haynes, President of Tompkins Cortland Community College, has received Tompkins Learning Partners' Exemplar Award for 2011. This honor is bestowed annually to an organization or

individual that has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the agency in a non-tutoring capacity. Carl was honored for the work he has done as co-chair of TLP's Literacy for Life Capital Campaign.

Spread the Word

The next three volunteer orientation dates are Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Tompkins Learning Partners. Call 277-6442 to pre-register.

TLP respects the privacy of our students. We never use students' full names or photos without their permission.

Summer and Fall Tutor Training Workshops at Tompkins Learning Partners

Special thanks go to:

Lifelong for generously providing space and to Carol Hockett, Ginny Schumacher, and Shawn Goodman for facilitating workshops.

New Volunteers who Attended Training

April Bateman	Manny Monjimbo
Tim Begany	Andrea Murray
Hilary Boyer	Luca Pandolfi
Evan Buntrock	Randi Quackenbush
Elena Casey	Sarah Richards-Desai
Charlene Chan	Kelsey Schaeffer
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Bill Halton	Janet Steiner
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Erica Kueffer	Suzanne Walker
Joane Molenock	Jie Wu

Experienced Tutors who Attended Training

Judith Ashton	June Pollack
Cheryl Barbasch	Wally Powers
Mary Chapman	Larri Richmond
Jessica Evett Miller	Edie Spaulding
Jan Frieswyk	Tom Weiler
Judy Groves	Kathy Weinberg
Barb Hatt	Rob Weinberg
Carol Hockett	Lola Winter
Julie Jackson	Pat Woodworth
Linda Keeler	Cora Yao

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CAMPAIGN LAUNCH



TLP Incarcerated Youth Services Expand

For more than ten years, TLP has formally served youth who reside at MacCormick Secure Center and Lansing Residential Center. We recently formalized our partnership with Finger Lakes Residential Center (formerly Gossett.) It is not an exaggeration to state that requests for tutors come every week from facility staff on behalf of resident students.

So if you have an interest in tutoring at one of the facilities assisting young men or

young women with basic skills, helping them learn to learn, and in turn learn a bit yourselves, your first step is to attend a Volunteer Tutor Orientation at TLP. (See *Spread the Word* on page 3.)

Please pre-register for an orientation by calling 277-6442 and, while tutoring in a juvenile facility is not an easy gig, prepare to become involved in a most meaningful volunteer opportunity.

TLP Honors Its Tutors at Summer Luncheon

TLP students joined staff and board members on Saturday, August 13 at Lifelong to celebrate all of our tutors' hard work and dedication. Everyone enjoyed scrumptious food, fun conversation, and "literacy themed" prizes to take home.

Cheryl Barbasch was named the Henry Cowan Tutor of the Year at the volunteer appreciation luncheon. Cheryl has tutored with Tompkins Learning Partners in both the ESL and Incarcerated Youth Programs for eight years and has shown an uncommon level of commitment, patience, and persistence with students with a wide range of abilities and goals.

Additional recognition went to volunteer tutors in three categories: those with three to five years of service, those with six or more years of service, and those who taught more than 100 hours in the 2010-2011 school year. (See the list of recipients below.)

Three to Five Years of Service

Trudy Baum, Kris Bennett, Chris George, Maggie Goldsmith, Linda Keeler, Russell Keeler, Carol Hockett, Larri Richmond, Karen Salino, Susan Soboroff, Pat Wagner, Tom Weiler

Six or More Years of Service

Pat Avery, D. G. Bancroft-Gowin, Cheryl Barbasch, Mary-Lynn Cummings, Elisa Evett, Barb Goldberg, Barb Hatt, Susan Jaquette, Nelda Kubat, Jan McCarrick, Wally Powers, Edie Spaulding, Nancy Suci, Bill Tyler, Marian Van Loan, Sue Watkins, Amalia Weinberg, Lola Winter

Tutors who taught more than 100 hours in the 2010-2011 school year

Jim Atkinson (volunteer librarian), Shelley Garvey, Chris George, Barb Hatt, Marian Van Loan, Pat Wagner, Katie Waxman, Tom Weiler, Pat Woodworth



Cheryl Barbasch after receiving her Tutor-of-the-Year award.



A delicious cake to help us celebrate our tutors!

Thank you to...

Cornell Laundry, GreenStar, ShortStop, Tops Friendly Markets, Wegman's and Saigon Kitchen for donations towards this event!

TLP's Mission

Our mission is to help adults and young people who live or work in Tompkins County meet their personal goals, free of charge, by improving their ability to read, write, and speak English, and to use math and computers. Students achieve these goals by working together with professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.



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Annual Campaign Approaching!

TLP will soon be sending out its Annual Fundraising Appeal letter. If you would like to give, but do not receive a request, a simple way to do so is by credit card through our website at TLPartners.org. We need and are counting on your support!



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Tompkins Learning Partners has been invited to participate in the

Annual Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dodds Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga St.,
and First Baptist Church, DeWitt Park

Are you looking for a meaningful alternative to holiday gift-giving?!

You can purchase one of the following gifts in your name, or in the name of friends or family:

\$10 = one 30-week subscription to News for You, a newspaper for beginning readers.

\$25 = a training packet for a new volunteer tutor.

\$35 = 7 hours of childcare so a student can meet with his or her tutor.

\$50 = a book and/or workbook designed for low-level adult readers

***Or**, a dollar amount of your choice for support of Tompkins Learning Partners.

